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Appl. No. 10/030,474

Response to Office Action dated June 10, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that claims 16 and 17 have been allowed and that claims 7, 8, 12-15, 21 and 23-29 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 7 has been written in self-standing independent form and thus this claim and its dependent claims 8 and 12-15 are believed to be allowable. Claim 21 has been written in self-standing independent form and is now believed to be allowable. Claim 23 has been written in self-standing independent form and thus this claim and its dependent claims 24 and 25 are believed to be allowable. Claims 26 and 28 have been written in self-standing independent form and these claims and their dependent claims (27 and 29, respectively) are believed to be allowable.

Claims 2, 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 21 and thus these claims, as well as claims 3 and 4 which depend from claim 2, are believed to be allowable. Claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 23 and thus this claim, as well as claims 5, 6 and 20 which depend therefrom, are believed to be allowable. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of amended claim 21 and is believed to be allowable.

Claims 1, 18 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

While not acquiescing in the rejections set forth in the office action, these rejections are believed to be moot in light of the above amendments.

Finally, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the documents identified in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted on March 16, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed along with a copy of a postcard stamped to evidence receipt of the IDS by the USPTO.

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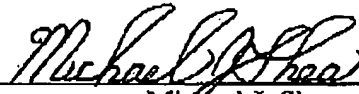
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The pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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